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SUBJECT: JORDAN ARMED FORCES REQUEST USG POSITION ON ARMS SALES TO CONGO

Classified By: Ambassador R. Stephen Beecroft for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (U) This is an action request.

¶2. (C) General Khaled Sarayreh, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Jordan Armed Forces (JAF), asked DATT whether the USG would object to the JAF selling non-U.S. origin ammunition to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Sarayreh specified that the equipment package would include ammunition for: small arms, machine guns, RPGs, and 60mm mortars. This would include a potential training relationship with Congo. DATT told Sarayreh that he would provide a response as soon as possible after consulting the Department.

¶3. (U) Post requests Department guidance to address this inquiry from the JAF.

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